GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
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Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to connect the entire country by a network of roads, any limit of distance in kms. has been fixed for a region to access a National Highway;

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps taken in this regard;

(c) whether this limit is likely to be cut to half at the later stage;

(d) whether some State Highways are likely to be declared as National Highways for achieving the goal;

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(f) the plans of the National Highways Authority of India if any, for financing and completion of the National Highway Development Project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT

(DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) NH network is to be expanded gradually with the final objective of ensuring that a National Highwayfrom any part in the country is accessible within 50 Kms.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) & (e) Expansion of NH network is a continuous process.

(f) National Highways Authority of Indiahas been mandated to execute the National Highway Development Project.The finances for implementation will be made available from cess on petrol and diesel, external aid (loan from World Bank, ADB etc.),market borrowing and private Investments.